the minds of the people and has a deterrent effect on crime. The workshop has been very useful to the townspeople as a place where they can get work done, and has also been a school, where convicts can learn a trade by which they may earn a livelihood after release from prison.

Dewan's reply.—We are not abolishing the Jail.

Subject No. 119.

Preventive measures against encroachment of the Tunga.

Summary of discussion.—Steps should be taken to prevent the encroachment of the Tunga river near the Sigehatti portion of the Shimoga Town on the Mangalore Road. Planting reeds on the bank has not been successful.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in the D. P. W. Probably groins will answer.

Subject No. 120.

Remission of Irrigation Cess on lands irrigated by rain-water.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation cess of one anna per rupee is levied on all wet lands irrigated by rain-water as in the case of lands irrigated by tank-water. It should be remitted on the former.

Dewan's reply.—Deputy Commissioner to investigate and report.

Subject No. 121.

Continuation of Malnad Forest privileges to the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The whole of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk should be treated as Malnad for Raiyats' Forest privileges. For purposes of batta to public servants in the Police, P. W., Medical and Revenue Departments, it is classed as Malnad. Land-holders in the Maganis of Kumsi, Chordi, Harnahalli (formerly in the Honnali Taluk) and Ayanur (formerly in the Shimoga Taluk) all of them now attached to the Kumsi Sub-Taluk, were refused remission of assessment in the Famine years "Dhatu" and "Ishwara" on the ground that their tracts were Malnad.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the revised Rules, dated 9th December 1892, re-classified these parts as Maidan.]

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will officially report his opinion with draft of any alteration necessary.

Subject No. 122.

Permission to use Bendenaru free of charge.

Summary of discussion.—Permission should be given to use Bende, Kollagauri and Tadasal fibres and Malave creeper free of charge, as they are not of much profit to Government.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner is investigating this. His report will be awaited.

Subject No. 123.

Free grazing of cattle in State Forests.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department has encroached upon the Gomal lands hitherto enjoyed by villagers free of charge, and levies a fee of 2 annas per head on the cattle grazing in the State Forests. This is hard on the raiyats. Cattle should be allowed to graze on these lands free of charge.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will investigate and report whether Gomal land has been taken up so as to prejudice the extent of grazing required for village cattle.

Subject No. 124.

A road from Ayanur to Tirthahalli.

Summary of discussion.—A road should be opened from Ayanur to Tirthahalli *viâ* Hanigeri with a branch to meet the Shimoga-Agumbi high road near Malur. No orders have yet been passed, although the proposal was made two years ago.

[NOTE.—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that part of the road had already been made by the Forest Department.]

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in due course.

Subject No. 125.

An anikat across the Dandavati and a road from Tilavalli to Banavasi.

Summary of discussion.—During several years past representations have been made, 1st to construct an anikat across the Dandavati river and to take the water in channels for filling tanks in the Maidân portion of the Anavatti Hobli for irrigation purposes, (2) to open a road from Tilavalli to Banavasi *viâ* Anavatti and Kerehalli.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner states that these projects are under investigation in the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 126.

Grant to supplement the fund for the repairs to the Kaitabheswara temple at Anavatti.

Summary of discussion.—Needful repairs should be executed to Kaitabheswara temple of Anavatti. It is a work of Dankanachari and an important one. The repairs would cost about Rs. 1,500. Some funds on this account are with Government. A grant to supplement them is necessary.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in the Muzarayi Department, and the work, if practicable, be taken up in due course.

Subject No. 127.

Roads from the fort of the Tirtharameswara hill to meet the Nyamati and Honnali roads.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Two new lines of road should be opened from the foot of the Tirtharameswara hill to meet the Nyamti and Honnali roads respectively, a distance of 5 miles each. This would be a great boon to all the pilgrims frequenting the temple of Tirtharameswara Devaru on the hill, as well as the visitors who often resort to the hill to recruit their health in summer.

Diversion of Kanihalla or an anikat across the Chordi Hole.

(2) Either the jungle-stream of Kanihalla should be diverted, or an anikat should be constructed across the Tiragani maduvu (Chordi Holé) between the Shikarpur Taluk and the Gondichatnahalli village (in the Honnali Taluk) whereby a constant flow of water may be maintained in the Sogal channel to the great advantage of the raiyats as well as Government.

Improvements of roads from Nyamti.

(3) The two roads from Nyamti town to join Ayanur-Honnali road on Saulanga and Honnali sides should be improved.

Dewan's reply.—These suggestions will be considered in the Public Works Department.